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Dear (Sweet) Chula Vista,

Welcome to another newsletter from your representative of Northwest Chula Vista, District 2.

Got milk? The above photo of tempting and beautiful Valentines cookies is courtesy of [La Concha Bakery](#), 334 E Street, Chula Vista.

I hope the following newsletter is of value to you. *If you would like to be removed from this newsletter, please click [here](#).*

Meanwhile, thank you for your interest and engagement in our great city!

Chula Vista City Councilmember, District 2 Northwest

Happening this week

Chula Vista Police Department Drones as First Responders Forum

There will be a Drone Forum in the city council chambers at 276 Fourth Avenue on Thursday, February 7, 2019, 6:00pm – 7:30pm. Chula Vista Police have begun deploying drones in response to 9-1-1 calls as part of the San Diego Regional Unmanned Aerial System Integration Pilot Program. Cameras attached to the drones can provide police with visual information minutes before patrol cars and officers arrive. The forum will provide an opportunity for community members to get an up-close look at the devices CVPD are using. This forum also will answer questions about the limits on drone operations, including policies designed to protect residents' safety and privacy. Attendees will be invited to provide comments and participate in follow-up focus groups or meetings. *For more information on the CVPD use of drones, click [here](#).*

Aging 2.0

This Saturday, February 9, 2019, 9am – 12pm, the Glenner Town Square will be presenting "Innovations in Dementia Care," an event that is free and open to the public. Learn about the latest in dementia care innovation and tour Town Square, the nation's first adult day center to feature immersive reminiscence therapy for those with dementia. As you stroll through the storefronts of this 1950's themed town, you can stop by tables and learn about new technologies and resources for dementia care, hear presentations on how Town Square uses immersive reminiscence therapy, and network with industry professionals. Glenner Town Square is located at 2675 Main St., Chula Vista CA 91911 Click [here](#) to register for this event.

News of Interest

The Chula Vista Fire Squad

Good news for safety in Chula Vista! The first of four 2-person squad units has been deployed in Eastern Chula Vista. The squad unit will be staffed with one fire and one paramedic personnel, and its ability to arrive on-scene quicker than a traditional fire truck will make the difference between life and death. Click [here](#) for the KUSI story.

Chula Vista's Nest Egg (the old Public Works yard)

The 10 acre, 210 ft/20 story zoned development at the site of the old Chula Vista's Public Works yard and MTS lot (707 F Street/750 E Street) is an exciting, possibly transformative project. Your Chula Vista City Councilmember Jill Galvez is strongly advocating for Class A office space or a hotel at this parcel, to take advantage of the E Street trolley station, the Bayfront views, the proximity to downtown San Diego and the US/Mexico border (approximately 7 miles from each) and to strategically help redistribute workforce commute patterns in the San Diego region. Click [here](#) for the KNSD 7/39 story.

Chula Vista's Bayfront Parks – Please weigh in on design elements for TWO new beautiful parks
Residents are getting a say in the long-awaited Chula Vista Bayfront project! Click [here](#) for the Fox San Diego news story. Click [here](#) to follow news about our Bayfront park from the Port of San Diego.

MTS Bus Rapid Transit is now serving South Bay

Great news for Chula Vista commuters! [Bus Rapid Transit](#) is a great way to beat traffic and save on parking fees downtown! See the 10 News story [here](#).

Chula Vista's Smart City Strategic Action Plan

A new website has been unveiled by The City of Chula Vista that is designed to showcase the broad range of ingenious projects, in which the city is working on as part of the Smart City Strategic Action Plan. Click [here](#) for the KUSI story.

Chula Vistans Giving Back

The Promise Church in Chula Vista opened up their food bank to 64 families of federal employees impacted by the partial government shutdown. Click [here](#) for the 10 News story.

Recent city council items

Cannabis Business Tax 1/ 15/ 2019

After listening to public testimony and some deliberation, the City Council approved (4-1) a 7-percent tax on retail marijuana sales and a \$15 per square foot tax of canopy on cannabis cultivation. The vote was 4-1. Click [here](#) for the NBC story.

Car Wash 1/22/ 2019

The Chula Vista City Council (4-1) overturned the planning commission's recommendation to approve a proposed Wash-N-Go business which would have included an 85 foot long carwash tunnel and 12 vacuum stations, replacing the automotive repair business, food truck, and dry cleaners at 495 Telegraph Canyon Road. Councilmembers cited the need for a traffic study, CEQA review and safety issues related to the mandatory Hwy 805 onramp at the Telegraph Canyon driveway area of the parcel. Click [here](#) for the KUSI story.

Micro-Mobility pilot program 1/22/2019

The city council unanimously approved our shared- micro-mobility device program. This program sets permit requirements designed to encourage the safe use of the various, shared micro-mobility devices, including motorized bicycles and scooters. The \$70 annual permit fee per device will offset costs incurred by the city to oversee the micro-mobility program. Users of motorized micro-mobility devices will be required to have a valid California driver's license and to wear a helmet if under the age of 18. Motorized devices will not be permitted on sidewalks, and only on streets with posted speed limits of 35 miles per hour or less. Click [here](#) for the Channel 10 news story.

The next city council meeting is scheduled for February 19th at 5:00pm. The council agenda will be posted by Friday, February 15, 2019 can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

What we're working on

Leash-Free Dog Parks

My office is currently working on a six-month pilot program for **leash free dog parks** in Chula Vista, beginning with Memorial and Friendship Parks, and possibly expanding to other city parks, depending on the success of the program. The six month pilot would allow dogs to socialize off-leash but on voice-command, from 7am – dusk, in designated, unfenced areas of Memorial and Friendship Parks. Dog safety and control will be the responsibility of the pet owner.

The Parks and Recreation Commission will take up the matter on March 21, 2019, to provide feedback. Your feedback is also welcome! Please email me [here](#).

Meanwhile, on Sunday April 7th, from 1-3pm, our city will hold a special event for dogs at Memorial Park. Save the date!

Homelessness

San Diego has created a Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH) in order to better align our strategies for countywide success in reducing homelessness. This intergovernmental committee meets quarterly. I will attend the first roundtable on February 28, 2019 on behalf of our mayor and council.

On Wednesday, February 27th, I will be visiting the East County Transitional Living Center in El Cajon with members of our Chula Vista Homeless Outreach Team.

Community Through Hope, led by Executive Director Rosy Vasquez and Chairman Cindy Gliebe, recently opened its doors in Chula Vista at 465 C Street. Their mission is to foster hope for a better life for those facing food insecurity and for those without a permanent home by providing a hand up through innovative and compassionate programs. More information and volunteer opportunities can be found at their [website](#).

Graffiti Abatement

Graffiti is a terrible insult to our community, residents, and businesses. Our Public Works and Police Departments are working together to quickly remove graffiti and catch perpetrators. This past week, we hired a new supervisor for the street department, who will be the point person for graffiti. Please continue to use www.SeeClickFix.com to report graffiti or call (619)397-6000/ACT Chula Vista for graffiti on public property or (619)691-5198 to report graffiti on private property.

Norman Park Senior Center

Kitchen and restroom projects:

- The ADA & Health Department Study is complete. No structural changes needed.
- The design is 90% complete.
- The Director of Public Works anticipates a public works bid solicitation to be posted in MARCH 2019 on our city's website [here](#).

Roof and deck bid specifications are being prepared by the consultant.

Low impact outdoor exercise equipment are on purchase order.

- Anticipated completion April 2019.

Good things happening in Northwest Chula Vista

Shhhhh! This Spring, construction will start on an innovative and beautiful outdoor deck behind the Chula Vista Civic Center Library. Stay tuned.

Colorful murals are being painted on the building at the southwest corner of Third and F Street.

For Students/Youth

Chula Vista/Odawara Japan Ambassador Program The International Friendship Commission (IFC) of the City of Chula Vista is now accepting applications for the 2019 Ambassador Program with Sister City Odawara, Japan. Four Chula Vista residents between the ages of 18 and 23 will be selected to represent Chula Vista in Odawara and will be hosted by an Odawara family, August 1-13. In turn, the Chula Vista Ambassadors will host the selected Odawara students in Chula Vista, August 13-23. Candidates must be in college or college bound, or be young professionals and must be Chula Vista residents. The IFC provides up to \$1,000 travel stipend toward airfare. Deadline to apply is 3/11/19. Click [here](#) for the online application.

The South Bay Youth Center, at 1180 3rd Avenue, Suite C1, Chula Vista, CA 91911, will open Saturday, February 16, 2019. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held from 1-3pm. The South Bay Youth Center strives to better serve LGBTQ youth and their families in the South Bay – and ultimately throughout San Diego County. They know that the majority of LGBTQ youth feel unsafe at school, with nearly 70% reporting having been bullied at school; experiencing levels of stress and depression, and are five times more likely to attempt suicide. A large number of LGBTQ youth live in fear of rejection from family and/or community, and, in fact, 40% of all homeless youth are LGBTQ. This new location in South Bay will provide a drop-in space, counseling, support services, and more to youth ages 10-24 and their

families. You can [email](#) Victor Esquivel, Director of Youth Services, call 619.692.2077 x207 or visit their [website](#).

Job opportunities

Measure P – Public Infrastructure Investments

Contractors! Chula Vista Public Works bids are posted on Planet Bids! Click [here](#) to see Chula Vista Public Works current bid opportunities.

Measure A – Pubic Safety Staffing

The Chula Vista Police Department is hiring! Click [here](#)

The Chula Vista Fire Department is hiring! Click [here](#)

MTS jobs, click [here](#)

Sweetwater Authority jobs, click [here](#)

Living Coast Discovery Center jobs, click [here](#)

South County Economic Development Council jobs, click [here](#)

More ways to stay informed

The City of Chula Vista's **Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)** for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2018, audited and certified by LSL CPAs and Advisors on January 31, 2019, is available [here](#).

The City of Chula Vista's **Active and Future Planning Map** is available [here](#).

Chula Vista's **Planning Department** public notices are available [here](#).

Chula Vista **Police Department's new Interactive Dashboards** include our city's [crime and community safety](#) dashboards as well as the [special studies](#) dashboards which allow users to interact with various data resources such as the number of calls for service in different parts of the city, transient activity, and collision related data.

Our water supply – thanks to recent rains - is finally trending in the right direction! Check out the **Sweetwater Reservoir water levels** [here](#).

Discover more news sources and subscribe at our city's **eNotification** page [here](#).

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Thank you for the opportunity to serve you on the Chula Vista City Council.

Warm regards,

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